GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched a scheme named `Sarvapriya` for providing items of basic needs at cheaper rates to the common public;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the items covered under the Scheme;

(d) whether the said scheme proposed to be extended to all the sections of people of the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure good quality of the items provided under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI S CHAUHAN)

(a), (b) & (c): The Government of India have launched a scheme in July, 2000 which envisages distribution of eleven selected commodities of daily use namely Arhar Dal, Gram Dal, Malka Red, Urad Whole, Salt, Tea, Toilet Soaps, Detergent Cake, Exercise Notebooks, Edible Oil and Tooth Paste.The State Governments, however, have the option to choose the items as per their requirements/preferences.

(d) & (e): These goods will be made available to the consumers in suitable consumer packs through the exiting public distribution system, the Consumer Cooperatives and the State Civil Supplies Corporations or other agencies as may be decided by the respective State Governments. There is, however, no dependence on subsidy from the Government.

(f) : The National Cooperative Consumers` Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF), which is the apex body of consumer cooperatives in the country, has been nominated as the nodal agency to implement the scheme which will supply quality goods. The State Food & Civil Supplies Departments would monitor the distribution arrangements in their States.